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Turkey: Anti-Westernism appears to be gaining momentum in Turkey, apparently now with the tacit approval of the government.

Three of Turkey's most influential newspapers recently came out strongly for a more "independent" foreign policy. The writers proposed that Ankara improve relations with the Balkan satellites and Communist China and reduce Turkey's dependence on the US. On 25 September, a far-left magazine which had been banned for 14 months resumed publication with an issue devoted to anti-US themes.

Government officials, embittered over the trend of events in Cyprus, show little concern over the growth of such sentiment. They have not moved against student organizations which openly advocate Turkey's joining the "independent bloc," although last June at least one student leader was arrested for making less radical statements.

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Congo: Insurgents are holding their own militarily, but disorders are increasing in rebel territory.

Mercenaries in the northwestern Congo have run into stiff resistance in the last few days. A mercenary leader says that one insurgent band which recently attacked his force was highly trained.

Insurgent radio broadcasts are reflecting increasing confusion in rebel-held regions. After raids by government B-26 aircraft in the eastern Congo, a rebel radio pleaded with, then threatened the inhabitants of Kindu in order to get them to return to work. There continue to be reports that Stanleyville, the rebel capital, is close to chaos.

*Premier Tshombe may arrive back in Leopoldville today after his failure to gain admittance to the conference of nonaligned nations. So far there is no evidence that African representatives at the conference have caucused on the Congo problem as envisaged by Ghana's Nkrumah last week. The conference will probably go on record, however, with a condemnation of Tshombe's use of mercenaries, and it may be openly or indirectly critical of US support of him.

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Belgium-Congo: Robert Rothschild, a key aide to Foreign Minister Spaak, says he has obtained Tshombé's acceptance in principle of a plan that would give Belgian advisers a major role in the administration of the Congo.

The main feature of the plan is the establishment of a "Council of Administrative Reconstruction" charged with the responsibility of giving the Congolese Government some measure of efficiency. The council, operating under Tshombé's direction, would concentrate its efforts on the Congo's foreign, financial and interior affairs.

Rothschild said he has Tshombé's authorization to develop the plan in detail. According to Rothschild, the final version is to be checked out with Spaak before it is submitted to Tshombé for formal approval.

Rothschild's plan could enhance the effectiveness of the Congolese Government, at least in the short run. Its adoption, however, would further alienate Tshombé from other Africans who tend to associate him with neo-colonialists.

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Laos: [There are some indications that the Communists may be preparing to step up their activity in the Plaine des Jarres area as the rainy season approaches its end. Sizable truck movements are reported on at least portions of Route 7, the key supply artery from North Vietnam to the Plaine. There are also fragmentary reports that North Vietnamese reinforcements are moving to strategic positions at Phou Kout, northwest of the Plaine, and at Muong Phan, in the hills to the southeast.]

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Cyprus: The dispute over transferring control of the Nicosia-Kyrenia road from the Turks and Turkish Cypriots to the UN appears somewhat nearer settlement. Ankara and the Greek Cypriots have accepted proposals which would permit all unarmed civilians to use the highway, but the Turkish Cypriots' reluctance to remove their armed irregulars from the road may yet prove a stumbling block.

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Italy: The threat of an immediate government crisis has been alleviated by a recent decision of the Christian Democratic Party to reaffirm its support of the center-left Moro government and its program. This decision is no more than a papering over of differences among the party's four principal factions, hence it remains to be seen whether Moro will be able to carry enough of the party to assure implementation of his government's program. Meanwhile, the other three coalition partners, skeptical about the Christian Democrats' ultimate intentions, are consulting on what strategy to adopt if that party retreats from its commitments.

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